# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF MEDICINES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of exports of medicines used in Indian System of Medicines & Homoeopathy separately during the Ninth Plan Period;

(b) the export target set for the Tenth Plan period;

(c) the extent to which this target has been achieved so far; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase export of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani medicines ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The details of export of medicine used in Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy drugs including raw drugs during the ninth plan period is enclosed at Annexure `A`.

(b) & (c): There is no separate export target set for the medicines of Indian Systems of Medicine.

(d): For promoting export of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy systems of medicine, Government have taken the following steps:

i) Established the National Medicinal Plants Board for integrated development of the medicinal plants sector.

ii) Sent official delegations comprising trade representatives to various countries to promote ISM&H systems and medicines.

iii) Supported industry to participate in International Trade Fairs to exhibit their products.

iv) Relaxation of labeling provisions to facilitate export.
v) Expansion of testing facilities.

vi) Notification of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).

vii) Department of Bio-technology has also supported research and development projects on medicinal and aromatic plants used in the country.

ANNEXURE-A

Value of exports of Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic & Unani Herbs and Medicines from 1997-98 to 2001-02 (Rs. Crores)

| S. No. | Item Description | Item Code | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | Total Ninth Plan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| 1 | Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or | 1211 | 254.64 | 268.75 | 191.45 | 357.45 | 370.95 | 1443.24 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | dried whether or not cut, crushed or powdered | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Ayurvedic & Unani Herbs Not elsewhere specified | 12119026 | 22.76 | 39.76 | 18.51 | 22.50 | 31.70 | 135.23 |
| 3 | Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale | 30039001 | 42.24 | 34.76 | 36.23 | 96.54 | 92.26 | 302.03 |
| 4 | Homoeopathic Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale | 30039002 | 3.10 | 0.37 | 0.67 | 2.19 | 2.04 | 8.37 |
| 5 | Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines put up for retail sale | 30049001 | 118.77 | 98.85 | 108.80 | 124.97 | 147.53 | 598.92 |
| 6 | Homoeopathic Medicines put up for retail sale | 30049002 | 0.79 | 1.33 | 3.19 | 8.97 | 3.74 | 18.02 |
| | Total (S.No.1+S.No.3 to S.No.6) | | 419.54 | 404.06 | 340.34 | 590.12 | 616.52 | 2370.58 |
| | Total (S.No.2 to S.No.6) | | 187.66 | 175.07 | 167.40 | 255.17 | 277.27 | 1062.57 |
| 7. | Vegetable Saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectates; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products | 1302 | 636.74 | 826.79 | 921.42 | 698.99 | 593.19 | 3677.13 |

Source: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India-Annual Numbers brought out by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata - 700 001.

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